

## **FY2022-23 Aquaculture Supplemental Funding Details**

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As in the previous cycle, pending federal funding, the NSGO has targeted approximately \$6 million to support this supplemental investment to be awarded at a level up to 50% of each program's Omnibus RFP commitment in aquaculture for the FY 2022-23 cycle. Supplemental awards will be capped such that any one program can receive no more than \$300,000 (~5% of pool) of the total pool of funds available.

This aquaculture supplemental funding will be based on the approved letters of intent (LOI) from each program's omnibus RFP. Programs will work with the assigned NSGO aquaculture manager and Program Officer to identify those selected research projects that have a strong focus on aquaculture. For most, these are expected to be projects fully-focused on aquaculture, although there may be some projects that, for example, have dual aquaculture and wild-catch fishery elements. The calculation used to determine total funding will be based on the proportion of the selected projects budget dedicated to aquaculture.

**Timeline:** All approved omnibus RFP LOIs received will be eligible for consideration for supplemental funding.

**Process:** Using the approved LOIs, the NSGO will calculate the proportion of funding for which each program qualifies. The NSGO anticipates being able to inform each program of their allocation, proposal deadline(s), and submission guidance mid-November 2021.

**NSGO Priorities for Aquaculture Supplemental Funds:** It is a priority for the NSGO that these funds be committed to **continue aquaculture activities begun with the previous FY20-21 aquaculture supplement or to support new aquaculture activities**. These funds are not intended to replace other support for staff so that those funds might be used for non-aquaculture activities, nor to fund your program's selected omnibus RFP proposals.

Funds may be directed to a range of possible activities including, for example, one or more **non-funded** aquaculture proposals from the most recent RFP cycle that were highly rated; aquaculture extension, education or communication activities; a joint regional aquaculture research competition; a joint regional (or topical) aquaculture extension position; competitive exploratory aquaculture Program Development funds; and to support existing staff to expand their aquaculture activities.